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SUMMARY: CYPRUS FONMIN FORMALLY EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER APPARENT DIVERSION BY TURKEY TO TURK CYPRIOTS OF USG ANTI- TANK WEAPONS RECEIVED FROM U. S. UNDER BILATERAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS; REQUESTS U. S. TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT U. S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT FURNISHED TURKEY FROM REACHING CYPRUS; AND ASKS U. S. HELP IN GETTING ANTI- TANK WEAPONS TURNED OVER TO UNFICYP. CYPRUS WILL PROTEST TO UN SECY GENERAL RE UNFICYP FAILURE TO IMMOBILIZE ANTI- TANK WEAPONS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FURTHER U. S. ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN ASKED ME TO CALL AT FONOFF MARCH 13 TO DISCUSS
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TURK CYPRIOT ACQUISITION OF U. S. PRODUCED M-72 ANTI-TANK WEAPONS DISPLAYED IN THE AUGUST AND OCT 1972 PARADES. FONMIN SAID HIS INFORMATION INDICATED WEAPONS WERE IMPORTED INTO CYPRUS IN SEPT OR OCT 1970 THROUGH UNKNOWN CHANNELS. CYPRUS GOVT UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE WEAPONS WERE DRAWN FROM CYPRUS STOCK FURNISHED TO TURKEY BY USG UNDER MAP PROGRAMS.

2. FONMIN SAID THIS WAS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO CYPRUS GOVT AND THAT HE WANTED TO REGISTER THAT CONCERN FORMALLY. IT MUST BE OBVIOUS THAT WEAPONS GIVEN BY U. S. TO TURKEY FOR QUITE DIFFERENT PURPOSES COULD NOW BE USED TO DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER IN CYPRUS. HE HOPES IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID "LOCAL REACTIONS" FROM CYPRUS PUBLIC.

3. I TOLD FONMIN THAT THIS MATTER HAD ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION AND THAT ASST. SECY SISCO HAD RAISED IT WITH TURKISH AMB IN WASHINGTON IN DEC 1972. SAID I UNDERSTOOD MATTER HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED BY DEPT' S CYPRUS OFFICE DIRECTOR WITH CYPRUS COUNSELOR NICOLAIDES. SINCE IT HAD ALREADY BEEN PUBLICIZED IN CYPRUS AND PRESS HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN, WHICH I UNDERSTOOD FULLY, I WONDERED WHAT ADDITIONAL REACTION FONMIN ANTICIPATED. HE REPLIED ONLY THAT IF PUBLIC ATTENTION CONTINUED TO BE FOCUSED ON SUBJECT, EXISTING UNEASE WOULD INCREASE.

4. FONMIN THEN ASKED ME TO USE MY INFLUENCE TO PREVENT MAP EQUIPMENT GIVEN TO TURKEY FROM FINDING ITS WAY TO CYPRUS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY TO BRING ABOUT SURRENDER OF M-72 S BY TURK CYPRIOTS TO UNFICYP, WHICH IS PURSUING MATTER WITH TCPA. FONMIN SAID CYPRUS GOVT WOULD LODGE A FORMAL PROTEST WITH UN SECY GENERAL BECAUSE, DESPITE KNOWLEDGE FOR SOME TIME THAT WEAPONS WERE HERE, NOTHING HAD YET BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TO NEUTRALIZE THEM. CYPRUS GOVT PROTEST WILL BE MADE BOTH TO UNSYG SPECIAL REP OSORIO- TAFALL IN NICOSIA AND THROUGH AMB ROSSIDES TO WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK.

5. IN CONCLUSION, FONMIN POINTED OUT THAT ARMS IMPORTED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM CZCHOSLOVAKIA IN 1972 AND ARMORED CARS BROUGHT IN FROM UK EARLIER THIS YEAR HAD BEEN PUT UNDER UN CUSTODY OR IMMOBILIZED. IT WAS PATENTLY INEQUITABLE FOR TURKS CYPRIOTS NOT TO DO SAME. HE HOPED THEREFORE THAT I WOULD DO EVERYTHING I COULD TO BRING ABOUT THE NECESSARY
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6. COMMENT: SEEMS TO US FONMIN MAY HAVE A POINT HERE. AS CYPRIOTS SEE IT, U. S. HAS A CONTINGENT RESPONSIBILITY IF MAP WEAPONS WERE EXPORTED FROM TURKEY WITHOUT USG AUTHORIZATION, THE CYPRIOTS ARE NATURALLY CONCERNED THAT SISCO- ESENBEL CONVERSATION HAS NOT RESULTED IN ANY ACTION EITHER TO NETURALIZE M-72 S OR PREVENT RECURRENCE. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, EMBASSY ANKARA HAS NOT RECEIVED REPLY FROM BARUTCU TO ITS REPRESENTATIONS ON MATTER (ANKARA 8866).

7. IF THIS IS THE SITUATION, I RECOMMEND FOLLOWING ACTION SUBJECT TO EMBASSY ANKARA VIEWS. FIRST, THAT EMBASSY ANKARA OR DEPT AGAIN MENTION SUBJECT TO TURKS, STRESSING NEED TO GUARD AGAINST (ANY FURTHER) UNAUTHORIZED IMPORTATION TO CYPRUS OF MAP ARMS. SECOND, THAT EMBASSY SUGGEST TURKS LEAN ON TURK CYPRIOTS TO PLACE BOTH M-72 S AND SOVIET- MANUFACTURED RPG-7 ANTI- TANK WEAPONS REVEALED IN SAME PARADES UNDER SOME TYPE OF UNFICYP CONTROL OR SURVEILLANCE SIMILAR TO THAT FOR RECENTLY ACQUIRED GREEK CYPRIOT WEAPONS. THIRD, THAT SUBSEQUENTLY U. S. ENCOURAGE UNSYG TO RENEW HIS EFFORTS IN CYPRUS AND NEW YORK TO GET WEAPONS NEUTRALIZED. FOURTH, THAT IF THESE EFFORTS HAVE NOT PRODUCED RESULTS BY TIME OF NEXT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON CYPRUS (MID- JUNE) -- AND WE DOUBT THEY WILL -- FULL ATTENTION BE DEVOTED TO PROBLEM AT THAT MEETING. IT WILL BE THE SECOND TIME AROUND: MATTER WAS RAISED IN DEC 1972 SYG REPORT (S10842). THE SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING EFFECT TO SUCH PUBLICITY IS ONLY A WRIST- TAPPING SANCTION, BUT IT WILL BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY HELPFUL WITH CYPRIOTS.
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